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20 July 1956

TO: Chief, D/S

FROM: Chief, Intelligence Information Staff, ORR

SUBJECT: Evaluation of Economic Reporting from Hong Kong
during the Period 1 July 1955 - 30 April 1956

1. There is attached a copy of the "draft" instruction to the American Mission in Hong Kong containing the results of a survey on economic reporting from Hong Kong during the period 1 July 1955 - 30 April 1956 under the Comprehensive Economic Reporting Program. This "draft" instruction has been prepared by the Division of Foreign Reporting in the State Department and sent to us with a request for comments by end-users of the Foreign Service reports emanating from Hong Kong.

2. The purpose of this survey by the Division of Foreign Reporting is to provide the field posts with constructive criticism by pointing out gaps and deficiencies in reporting, making recommendations for their improvement of quality and giving recognition for reporting well done; and to give guidance which will enable the posts to meet their responsibilities under the CERPs to the greatest possible satisfaction of end-users.

3. It would be appreciated if your office would review the attached "draft" instruction and submit comments, as suggested above, and/or appraisal of Foreign Service economic reporting from Hong Kong. Appraisals of the analytical reports are particularly invited. Pertinent suggestions, comments and recommendations will be considered by the Department of State for incorporation into the instruction to be sent to the American Mission in Hong Kong.

4. Since this is an evaluation and appraisal program only, requirements should not be included.

5. It is requested that your comments reach St/I/R, Room 1217 M Building (Attention: [REDACTED]) by 3 August 1956.

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For the Chief,
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Chief, Requirements Branch
Office of Research and Reports

Attachment: "Draft" instruction to the
above-named American Mission

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